

# TWELVE TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL CLINICAL AUDIT

1. Keep audits simple
2. Get everyone involved
3. Determine the topic
4. Have a plan
5. Do not confuse clinical audit with research
6. Do not collect needless data
7. Take care with statistics – errors can lead to inaccurate conclusions
8. Close all clinical audit loops
9. Keep data only for as long as it is needed
10. Share learning - tell everyone about your audit
11. Tell 'The Organisation' about your audit
12. Re-audit to ensure improvement in clinical care

